

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicant has added claims 38 and 39. Thus claims 1-35, 38 and 39 are now pending in the application

I. Formal Matters

The Examiner has not indicated acceptance of the drawing filed on October 17, 2005. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate acceptance of such drawing in the next action.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Willehadson et al. (WO 00/41406; hereinafter "Willehadson"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

A. Claims 1 and 19

Claims 1 and 19 recite, *inter alia*, a second communication equipment [corresponding to the called user] sending the first communication equipment [corresponding to the calling user] a terminal identifier for each terminal thus determined by the second communication equipment, and the first communication equipment then selecting, from the identifiers of the called user that it receives, at least one terminal identifier and initiating the setting up of a call between at least one terminal of the calling user and at least one terminal of the called user corresponding to a selected identifier. In other words, claims 1 and 19 describe a method and equipment,

respectively, in which, in response to a call request from the calling user, the called user sends the calling user the terminal identifiers for each terminal of the called user that would enable set up of the requested call. The calling user then selects from the identifiers at least one terminal with which to set up the requested call, and initiates the call setup.

Applicant submits that Willehadson fails to disclose these features. For instance, the Examiner cites page 8, lines 4-7, as allegedly disclosing that the second communication equipment sends the first communication equipment a terminal identifier for each terminal thus determined [by the second communication equipment]. *See* Office Action at page 3. The Examiner maintains that when at least one matching result is obtained between the terminals of the two users, and the call is accepted, the first communication equipment inherently gets a terminal identifier of the second communication equipment. However, the mere fact that a call is accepted between two matching terminals, does not mean that the terminal identifiers of each terminal of the called user are sent to the first communication equipment. Although the first communication equipment may be informed of the terminal identifier of the terminal with which the call is set up, the reference fails to disclose that the identifiers for each terminal are sent to the first communication equipment, as claimed in claims 1 and 19.

Furthermore, the reference fails to disclose that the first communication equipment selects, from the identifiers of the called user that it receives, at least one terminal identifier, and initiates the set up of a call with the terminal corresponding to the selected identifier, as claimed in claims 1 and 19. As noted above, the calling user of the method in Willehadson never receives terminal identifiers for each terminal of the called user that would enable set up of the

requested call. *See* Willehadson at page 8, lines 4-7 (stating that user 'B' [the called user] receives the list of matching terminals, not user 'A' [the calling user]). Additionally, the method of Willehadson teaches that the called user, instead of the calling user, selects a matching terminal on which to accept the call from the calling user. *See* Willehadson at page 8, lines 4-7. In further contradistinction to the invention of claims 1 and 19, which recite the first communication equipment (corresponding to the calling user) initiates the setup of the call, the method of Willehadson teaches that the called user completes the call setup. *See* Willehadson at page 8, lines 32-36, and page 9, lines 1-5.

Based on at least the foregoing distinctions, Applicant submits that claims 1 and 19 are patentable over the cited reference and respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

B. Claims 2 and 20

Applicant submits that since claims 2 and 20 depend upon claims 1 and 19, respectively, such claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency. Moreover, claims 2 and 20 recite features similar to those discussed above with regard to claims 1 and 19, except that in claims 2 and 20, the second communication equipment sends the first communication equipment communication mode identifiers for each terminal of the called user that would enable setting up of the requested call. The method of Willehadson fails to disclose that such identifiers are sent for each terminal, for reasons similar to the reasons stated above with regard to the terminal identifiers of claims 1 and 19.

C. Claims 3-18 and 21-35

Applicant submits that since claims 3-18 depend from claim 1, and claims 21-35 depend from claim 19, such claims are patentable over the cited reference at least by virtue of their respective dependencies.

III. Newly Added Claims

Applicant has added new claims 38 and 39. Since claims 38 and 39 depend upon claim 19, Applicant submits that such claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency. Further, Applicant submits that the cited references fail to teach or suggest the recited features of these claims.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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